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Applicants : Todd Allen Berg et al.

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For : MEDICAL GRAFT CONNECTOR OR PLUG STRUCTURES, AND METHODS OF
MAKING AND INSTALLING SAME

Art Unit : 3738

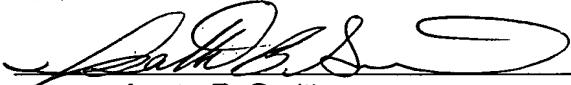
Examiner : Bruce E. Snow

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: a Preliminary Amendment;
 a Supplemental Reply to Office Action;
 a substitute Specification; a Declaration; a Supplemental Declaration; a Power of Attorney; an Associate Power of Attorney; formal drawings; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS AND/OR PAGES

A fee for additional claims or pages is not required.
 A fee for additional claims is required.

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL
TOTAL CLAIMS	35	-	.35*	= 0 x \$50 = \$.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	-	3**	= 0 x \$200 = \$.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ \$360 = \$.00

* If less than 20, insert 20.

** If less than 3, insert 3.

TOTAL \$.00

- As a result of the amendment submitted herewith, this application now includes excess pages beyond those previously paid for. The number of additional groups of 50 excess pages resulting from this amendment is _____ x \$250 = \$ _____.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 000293-0034). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
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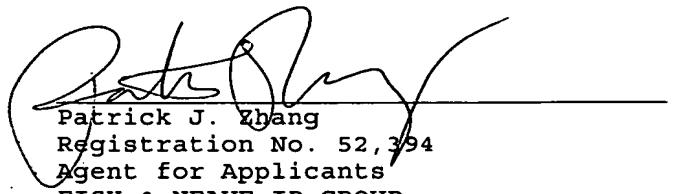
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- The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2). Accordingly, please charge the _____ fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 000293-0034). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

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 \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$1,020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$2,160.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the January 9, 2006 Office action,
consideration of the following is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.